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**REMAILING OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2004**

In response to a telephone inquiry from Examiner Rivell on March 22, 2005, Applicants assert that they did in fact submit a timely response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004. Applicants hereby submit copies of the Response as originally filed, the transmittal form, and the postcard returned to applicants by the USPTO OIPE. Applicants note that on these documents the serial number of the application was incorrectly given as 10/766,977 instead of the correct 10/766,797; however, the correct confirmation number 4000 was used. The serial number has been corrected on the accompanying documents (except for the copy of original postcard).

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